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Dear Mrs Roselyn Canter.

We are the Concerned relatives.
We are indivuals having only one bond in Common. relative Isolated in Jones town Jungles encampment in Guyana South America. Under the total Control of one man. Jim Jones.

If I am not asking to much. Will you Please read these reports from the Jungles and see what Jim Jones is doing to the America People. He have took their freedom and rights from them. Will you Please see that we get some help to get our familys out of that Concentration Camps. For more Information. Call Attorney Steen (415) 391-5020 or 345-7219

Respectively Yours
Mabel Maddock

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# PETITION ENTREATING PRIME MINISTER FORBES BURNHAM TO STOP REV. JAMES WARREN JONES FROM FURTHER VIOLATIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF OUR RELATIVES IN GUYANA

TO: HONORABLE FORBES BURNHAM, PRIME MINISTER OF THE COOPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

From: "Concerned Relatives": Parents and relatives of children and adults under the control of Rev. James Warren Jones at "Jonestown", Northwest District, Guyana

Date: May 10, 1978

We, the undersigned 57 petitioners, are the grief-stricken parents and relatives of the hereinafter-designated persons now living in your country.. We respectfully entreat you to attend to the following facts:

1. In June 1977 Rev. James Warren Jones ("Jim Jones") left the United States for Guyana as he was about to be exposed in the press for fraud, brutality to children, and taking properties by false pretenses. Jim Jones has never returned to the United States to answer these charges.

2. Since June 1977 Jim Jones has induced more than 1,000 United States citizens to become permanent residents of Guyana at his jungle encampment leased from your government. He calls this encampment "Jonestown".

3. Jim Jones at this moment is flagrantly and systematic-

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ally carrying out the following acts and abuses on all Jonestown residents, including our relatives:

a. Stations guards around Jonestown and threatens the residents with death if they attempt to leave;

b. Confiscates their passports and money;

c. Employs physical intimidation and psychological coercion as part of a mind-programming campaign aimed at destroying family ties, discrediting belief in God, and causing contempt for the United States of America, as well as for all other nation states, including Guyana;

d. Deprives them of their rights to privacy, free speech, freedom of association, and freedom of movement by:

(1) Prohibiting telephone calls;

(2) Prohibiting individual contacts with all "outsiders", including Guyanese;

(3) Censoring all incoming and outgoing mail;

(4) Extorting silence from relatives in the U.S. by threats to stop all communication;

(5) Preventing our children from seeing us when we travel to Guyana (five of us have tried).

4. The foregoing acts are documented in the "Accusation of Human Rights Violations by Rev. James Warren Jones Against Our Children and Relatives at the Peoples Temple Jungle Encampment in Guyana, South America", a copy of which is attached. These acts of Jim Jones are a clear violation of the Guyanese Constitution and of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as quoted in the aforesaid Accusation. The physical intimidation is a violation of the penal code of Guyana.

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5. On April 11, 1978 we served the aforesaid Accusation on Peoples Temple officials in San Francisco. The Accusation set forth a number of demands for relief, including a demand that Jones permit and encourage our relatives to return to the United States for a one-week visit home at our expense, return fare being guaranteed.

6. On April 12, 1978 we sent two copies of this Accusation to you as Prime Minister of Guyana. One copy was sent via the Guyanese Embassy in Washington, D. C., and the other directly to Georgetown, Guyana. In our cover letter we asked you, as "the one perso . in the world with power" over Jones, to take action to stop his violations of human rights. We have received no response from you.

7. On April 17, 1978 Jim Jones responded to our demands for relief by staging a press conference in the office of his attorney in San Francisco, wherein our relatives in Jonestown read scripts over a radio-phone network praising "the integrity, honesty, and bravery" of Jim Jones and falsely denouncing us as child molesters, sexual deviates, dope addicts, and terrorists, as well as manifesting other symptoms of mind-programming. (In order to show the falsity of these charges, Steven Katsaris on May 2, 1978 voluntarily submitted himself to a professional polygraph examination. The report, dated May 3 and attached hereto, concludes: "It is the opinion of the examiner, based on Katsaris' polygraph charts, that he is telling the truth.")

8. On April 18, 1978 Jones intimated once again a threat so chilling as to be incomprehensible to the average decent person. In our Accusation we had demanded Jones clarify the following sentence in a March 14, 1978 letter on Peoples Temple stationery addressed "to all U. S. Senators and Members of Congress":

> "I can say without hesitation that we are devoted to a decision that it is better even to die than be constantly harrassed from one continent to the next."

On April 18 Jones issued a Press Release on Peoples Temple stationery with the following "clarification" (page 4):

> "And we, likewise, affirm that before we will submit quietly to the interminable plotting and persecution of this politically motivated conspiracy, we will resist actively, putting our lives on the line, if it comes to that. This has been the unanimous vote of the collective community here in Guyana."

9. On April 26, 1978 we served an advance version of this Petition on the Honorable Joseph D'Olivera, Honorary Consul for the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, Los Angeles, California.

10. We respectfully submit to you, Mr. Prime Minister, that the foregoing evidence shows that Jonestown, Guyana has taken on the characteristics of a "concentration camp", and that you, as the leader of Guyana, would do well to analyze the mentality of its leader so as to anticipate its potential for causing extreme damage to Guyana's reputation in the international community.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE RESPECTFULLY ask that you, HONORABLE FORBES BURNHAM, in your capacity as PRIME MINISTER OF GUYANA, take the following action to protect the human and legal rights of our relatives in Guyana before it is too late:

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1. Immediately order the Minister of Home Affairs and the Commissioner of Police to launch an ongoing investigation into Jones' violations of the Guyanese Penal Code and Constitution.

2. Immediately order "Bishop Jim Jones" (as he presents himself to you) to cease and desist from the unlawful acts itemized in the attached Accusation, with particular orders for him to:

a. Remove all guards stationed around Jonestown;

b. Return to our relatives their passports and money;

c. Permit them to mix with the local Guyanese as individuals;

d. Permit them to make telephone calls to us in private at our expense when in Georgetown;

e. Permit them to receive all mail individually addressed to them, and to read the same in private;

f. Permit them to mail letters they write in private without being opened by Jones or his staff.

3. Immediately order Jones to permit and encourage our relatives to return to the United States for a one-week home visit at our expense, so as to test whether or not they are being held against their will, upon our guarantee of return fare should they choose to return.

4. Immediately order Jones to abide by the lawful orders of courts in the United States with respect to the custody of our relatives.

5. If Jim Jones refuses to abide by your orders, expel him from Guyana so that Jonestown can become a democratic society in accordance with the Guyana Constitution.

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6. Notify our spokesman, Steven A. Katsaris, Trinity School, 915 West Church Street, Ukiah, California 95482 (telephone 707-462-8721) of your willingness to protect the human and legal rights of our relatives.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CONCERNED RELATIVES

(Summarized Listing of Petitioners Attached)

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**CONFIDENTIAL REPORT:** May 3, 1978 No. P-9019

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On May 2, 1978, Steven A. Katsaris voluntarily came to this office for a polygraph examination. The main issue under consideration involved allegations of sexual molestation made against him by his daughter, Maria Katsaris. Maria is presently with the People's Temple Church in Guyana. During Mr. Katsaris' attempts to get his daughter away from this church, the allegations of sexual molestation were made by some of the officials of the People's Temple Church. No specific, public statements along this line were made by Maria Katsaris. Among other charges made against Katsaris by the People's Temple Church was the statement that he was involved with a right-wing congressman in a conspiracy to destroy People's Temple Church.

During Mr. Katsaris' pre-test interview, he maintained he has never made any sexual advances whatsoever toward his daughter, Maria. He also insisted that he has never been involved in any conspiracy with a congressman to destroy People's Temple Church.

There were no significant emotional disturbances indicative of deception reflected in Mr. Katsaris' polygraph charts when he answered "No" to the following test questions:

"Did you ever make any sexual advances toward Maria Katsaris?"

"Did you ever try to have sexual intercourse with your daughter, Maria?"

"Did you ever sexually fondle any part of Maria's body?"

"Did you ever plan with any congressman to destroy People's Temple Church?"

It is the opinion of the examiner, based on Katsaris' polygraph charts, that he is telling the truth on the above-listed questions.

Yours very truly,

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This report is furnished by this agency, at the request of the client named above, for his exclusive information only, and for no other reason or purpose. It is strictly confidential and communication to other parties is the responsibility of the client.

May 10, 1978

SUMMARY LISTING OF PETITIONERS WITH RELATIVES IN JONESTOWN, GUYANA

| Name of Relative at Jonestown | Age | Petitioners to Forbes Burnham and Cyrus Vance | Relationship to Petitioner |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Wagner, Mark | 16 | Richard Wagner (San Francisco) | Son |
| 2. Harris, Liane | 21 | Sherwin Harris (Lafayette)<br>Elizabeth Harris (Lafayette) | Daughter<br>Sister |
| 3. Ponts, Donna | 15 | Don Ponts (Ukiah)<br>Cynthia Beam (Ventura) | Daughter<br>Half-sister |
| 4. Oliver, William S. | 18 | Howard Oliver (San Francisco)<br>Beverly Oliver (San Francisco) | Son<br>Son |
| 5. Oliver, Bruce H. | 20 | Howard Oliver & Beverly Oliver | Son |
| 6. Katsaris, Maria | 24 | Steven A. Katsaris (Ukiah) | Daughter |
| 7. Rozynko, Michael | 20 | Sandy Rozynko Mills (Oakland)<br>Steve Mills (Oakland) | Brother<br>Bros.-in-law |
| 8. Rozynko, Chris | 22 | Steve Mills & Sandy Rozynko Mills | (Same) |
| 9. Rozynko, Joyce | 54 | Sandy Rozynko Mills<br>Steve Mills | Mother<br>Mother-in-law |
| 10. Stoen, John Victor | 6 | Grace Stoen (San Francisco)<br>Timothy O. Stoen (San Francisco) | Son<br>Son |
| 11. Sly, Mark A. | 17 | Neva Jean Sly (San Francisco) | Son |
| 12. Sly, Donald E. | 42 | Neva Jean Sly | Husband |
| 13. Houston, Patricia | 14 | Robert H. Houston (San Bruno)<br>Nadyne L. Houston (San Bruno)<br>Carol Boyd | Grandchild<br>Grandchild<br>Niece |
| 14. Houston, Judy Lynn | 13 | Robert & Nadyne Houston; Carol Boyd | (Same) |
| 15. Kerns, Carol Ann | 19 | Ruth Reinhardt (Davis)<br>Phil Kerns (Portland, Oregon)<br>Dolly Petersen (Riverside) | Sister<br>Sister<br>Grandchild |
| 16. Kerns, Ellen Louise | 51 | Ruth Reinhardt & Phil Kerns<br>Dolly Petersen | Mother<br>Daughter |
| 17. Harris, Magnolia | 61 | Sylvia White (San Francisco)<br>Leinaola White (San Francisco) | Mother<br>Grandmother |
| 18. Lopez, Vincent | 17 | Walter Jones (San Francisco) | Legal Guardian |
| 19. Simon, Marcia | 22 | Leon Simon (Oakland) | Daughter |
| 20. Simon, Barbara | 22 | Leon Simon | Daughter |
| 21. Johnson, Berda T. | 88 | Frances Baxter (Los Angeles) | Mother |

| Name of Relative at Jonestown | Age | Petitioners to Forbes, Burnham, and Cyrus Vance | Relationship to Petitioner |
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| 22. Griffith, Mary M. | 52 | Rose Davis (San Francisco)<br>Carnella Truss (San Francisco)<br>Louise Blanchard (San Francisco) | Aunt<br>Mother<br>Sister |
| 23. Cobb, John | 18 | James Cobb, Jr. (San Francisco) | Brother |
| 24. Cobb, Brenda | 15 | James Cobb, Jr. | Sister |
| 25. Cobb, Sandra | 21 | James Cobb, Jr. | Sister |
| 26. Cobb, Joel | 12 | James Cobb, Jr. | Brother |
| 27. Cobb, Christine | | James Cobb, Jr. | Mother |
| 28. Brown, Ava | 26 | James Cobb, Jr. | Sister |
| 29. Brown, John (Jones) | 28 | James Cobb, Jr. | Brother-in-law |
| 30. Touchette, Charles | 47 | Mickey Touchette (San Francisco)<br>Marvin Swinney (South Carolina) | Father<br>Brother-in-law |
| 31. Touchette, Joyce | 45 | Mickey Touchette<br>Marvin Swinney | Mother<br>Sister |
| 32. Touchette, Al | 23 | Mickey Touchette<br>Marvin Swinney | Brother<br>Nephew |
| 33. Touchette, Michael | 25 | Mickey Touchette<br>Marvin Swinney | Brother<br>Nephew |
| 34. Touchette, Michelle | 19 | Mickey Touchette<br>Marvin Swinney | Sister<br>Niece |
| 35. Swinney, Cleve | 65 | Mickey Touchette<br>Marvin Swinney | Grandfather<br>Father |
| 36. Swinney, Helen | 65 | Mickey Touchette<br>Marvin Swinney | Grandmother<br>Mother |
| 37. Swinney, Tim | 39 | Mickey Touchette<br>Marvin Swinney | Uncle<br>Brother |
| 38. Berry, Diana | 7 | Carnella Truss (San Francisco) | Daughter |
| 39. Griffith, Marrian | 15 | Carnella Truss | Sister |
| 40. Griffith, Emmett Jr. | 20 | Carnella Truss | Brother |
| 41. Griffith, Amonda | 17 | Carnella Truss | Sister |
| 42. Kice, Thomas D. | 43 | Wayne Pietila (Petaluma) | Step-father |
| 43. Kice, Thomas D., II | 12 | Wayne Pietila | Half-brother |
| 44. Chaikin, Eugene | 46 | Raphael Chaikin (Newport Beach) | Brother |

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reached Jonestown convinced me that Rev. Jones had sufficient control over the minds of the residents that it would be possible for him to effect a mass suicide.

31. At least once a week, Rev. Jones would declare a "white night", or state of emergency. The entire population of Jonestown would be awakened by blaring sirens. Designated persons, approximately fifty in number, would arm themselves with rifles, move from cabin to cabin, and make certain that all members were responding. A mass meeting would ensue. Frequently during these crises, we would be told that the jungle was swarming with mercenaries and that death could be expected at any minute.

32. During one "white night", we were informed that our situation had become hopeless and that the only course of action open to us was a mass suicide for the glory of socialism. We were told that we would be tortured by mercenaries if we were taken alive. Everyone, including the children, was told to line up. As we passed through the line, we were given a small glass of red liquid to drink. We were told that the liquid contained poison and that we would die within 45 minutes. We all did as we were told. When the time came when we should have dropped dead, Rev. Jones explained that the poison was not real and that we had just been through a loyalty test. He warned us that the time was not far off when it would become necessary for us to die by our own hands.

33. Life at Jonestown was so miserable and the

physical pain of exhaustion was so great that this event was not traumatic for me. I had become indifferent as to whether I lived or died.

34. During another "white night", I watched Carolyn Layton, my former sister-in-law, give sleeping pills to two young children in her care, John Victor Stoen and Kimo Prokes, her own son. Caroyln said to me that Rev. Jones had told her that everyone was going to have to die that night. She said that she would probably have to shoot John and Kimo and that it would be easier for them if she did it while they were asleep.

35. In April, 1978, I was reassigned to Georgetown. I became determined to escape or die trying. I surreptitiously contacted my sister, who wired me a plane ticket. After I received the ticket, I sought the assistance of the United States Embassy in arranging to leave Guyana. Rev. Jones had instructed us that he had a spy working in the United States Embassy and that he would know if anyone went to the embassy for help. For this reason, I was very fearful.

36. I am most grateful to the United States government and Richard McCoy and Daniel Weber; in particular, for the assistance they gave me. However, the efforts made to investigate conditions in Jonestown are inadequate for the following reasons. The infrequent visits are always announced and arranged. Acting in fear for their lives, Temple members respond as they are told. The members appear

to speak freely to American representatives, but in fact they are drilled thoroughly prior to each visit on what questions to expect and how to respond. Members are afraid of retaliation if they speak their true feelings in public.

37. On behalf of the population of Jonestown, I urge that the United States Government take adequate steps to safeguard their rights. I believe that their lives are in danger.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, except as to those matters stated on information and belief and as to those I believe them to be true.

Executed this 15 day of June, 1978 at San Francisco, California.

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Deborah Layton Blakey

DEBORAH LAYTON BLAKEY

PEOPLES TEMPLE
OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
Jim Jones, Pastor

Gary

March 14, 1978

"For I was an hungered and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; Naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

"Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, When saw we thee an hungered And fed thee? Or thirsty, And gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger And took thee in? Or naked, and clothed thee Or when saw we thee sick? Or in prison, And came unto thee?

"Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it Unto one of the least of these... ...Ye have done it unto me"

Matthew 25:35-40

TO ALL U.S. SENATORS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:

We at Peoples Temple have been the subject of harassment by several agencies of the U.S. Government, and are rapidly reaching the point at which patience is exhausted. Radical Trotskyite elements which defected from our organization when we refused to follow their violent course have been orchestrating a campaign against us. Two of these, Michael Cartmell and Jim Cobb, were actually discovered making ammunition several years ago. These same two persons have boasted about knowing persons in the IRS and FCC and using them to get back at Peoples Temple. They also vowed recently to several witnesses that they would see to it that our group of over 1,000 U.S. citizens (currently conducting a highly successful agricultural project in Guyana) were starved out by having funds cut off from the U.S. To date, several agencies have been attempting various forms of harrassment. First was the Social Security, which tried to deny legitimate beneficiaries of their rights by cutting off all checks that were coming to Guyana. Through the intervention of various government officials, we were able to have this reinstated as it should have been.

Now, however, we see that the IRS and Treasury Dept. and even the Federal Communications Commission, are trying to initiate ways to cut off our lifelines. The FCC has suddenly decided to pursue a very minor complaint that was registered a year ago. It is clear that the intention is to disrupt our essential medium of communication, amateur radio. Each week we contact thousands of amateur radio operators; contacts and consultation with doctors in the U.S. have literally saved lives and have engendered tremendous goodwill in this part of the world. We consistently praise the U.S. over the airways and remain entirely supportive of U.S. policy in the Caribbean and around the world, especially with non-aligned nations. It seems utterly cruel to deprive such a large group of Americans of their only means of quick communication with the U.S. We cannot believe that you would want to see this, nor would you in any way condone such an organized effort to "starve out" hundreds of U.S. citizens, who are seeking to live in peace and be a credit to the U.S. elsewhere. These same agencies and elements in the press would seek to destroy any progressive thinking official.

Our cooperative project in Guyana has been cited by people the world over as an example of a new image for the U.S. This project and the efforts of Peoples Temple were recently praised in the magazine One World, a publication of the World Council of Churches. Even Russia's New Times magazine has praised this work and done so in spite of our strong support of Russian people of Jewish descent, an obvious disagreement. We receive letters weekly from Russia, as well as from people in other parts of the world who have heard of the project, offering advice and assistance. In fact, several overtures have been made from Russia, which sees our current harassment as a form of political persecution. We do not want to take assistance from any people nor do we want to become an international issue. We also do not intend to be starved out by having our legitimately earned income cut off through the efforts of Trotskyite people and embittered malcontents. We have no political aspirations whatsoever. Jim Jones has spent the last 8 months working to develop the project in Guyana. We wish to continue to do so unmolested and unhampered. This project has done a great deal of practical good for the U.S., not only in promoting a positive image in a place where many of the populace have more of a left leaning, but also in a very tangible way financially. The amount of tax dollars we have saved the U.S. by taking people off welfare and off SSI and steering some from inevitable lives of crime would total conservatively in the hundreds of thousands. More importantly than that, lives have been saved that would have been meant for destruction. It seems cruel that anyone would want to escalate this type of bureaucratic harrassment into an international issue, but it is equally evident that people cannot forever be continually harrassed and beleaguered by such tactics without seeking alternatives that have been presented. I can say without hesitation that we are devoted to a decision that it is better even to die than to be constantly harrassed from one continent to the next. I hope you can look into this matter and protect the right of over 1,000 people from the U.S. to live in peace.

Sincerely,
Patricia E. Mixon

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EXHIBIT B

AFFIDAVIT OF YULANDA D. A. CRAWFORD SHOWING THE TEACHINGS AND PRACTICES OF REV. JAMES WARREN JONES IN GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

I, Yulanda D. A. Crawford, certify as follows:

1. I was in Guyana, South America as a member of Peoples Temple from April 1, 1977 until June 29, 1977. Rev. James Warren Jones ("Jim Jones"), the leader of Peoples Temple, was in Guyana most of April and during the latter part of June, at which times I witnessed the following statements and practices by him.

2. Jim Jones said that the United States is the "most evil" nation in the world, referring to its political and industrial leaders as "capitalistic pigs". He said he would rather have his people dead than live in the United States.

3. Jim Jones prior to June said that people would be coming to live in Guyana for a temporary period of time. In June Jim Jones stated that the people he brings over from the United States will be staying in Guyana "permanently".

4. Jim Jones said that nobody will be permitted to leave Jonestown and that he was going to keep guards stationed around Jonestown to keep anybody from leaving. He said that he had guns and that if anyone tries to leave they will be killed ("offed") and their bodies will be left in the jungle and "we can say that we don't know what happened to you." He also said, "I can get a hit man for fifty dollars. It's not hard for me to get a hit man anywhere."



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5. While still in the United States, Jim Jones asked the Temple members to turn all their guns over to him. I also saw ammunition being packed in crates for shipment to Guyana addressed to Peoples Temple from San Francisco. I heard Jim Jones say, "If anyone tries to start anything, we are ready and prepared to die for our cause."

6. Jim Jones said that black people and their sympathizers were going to be destroyed in the United States, that "the Ku Klux Klan is marching in the streets of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and cities back east". There was "fighting in the streets, and the drought in California is so bad, Los Angeles is being deserted".

7. Jim Jones said that everyone should turn in their passports and all their money to him, that nobody is to visit any local Guyanese people unless on a "mission" and in the company of other Temple members, that nobody is to make any telephone calls to relatives, that nobody was to send any mail to the United States without first getting it "cleared". All incoming mail was first received by Temple secretaries and read before being shown to the person addressed.

8. Jim Jones said that "I will lay my body down for this cause" and asked others to make the same promise, which they did by a show of hands, and also asked them to commit themselves to kill anyone attempting to hurt him.

9. Jim Jones ordered all of us to break our ties with families. He said that our highest and only loyalty should be "the cause", and that the only reason for staying in touch with our families was to collect inheritances when "they died off" and to keep them pacified "so as not to make trouble for the cause".

10. Jim Jones ordered us to "report" on one another to prevent "treason". His technique was to have everyone report to him (or his two or three most trusted leaders) all suspicious talk or behavior of others.

11. Jim Jones ordered people punished when they broke his rules. The punishments included food-deprivation, sleep-deprivation, hard labor, and eating South American hot peppers. I saw a teenager, Tommy Bogue, being forced to eat hot peppers at a public meeting.

12. So far as I know, only one person (Leon Brosheard) out of 850 or more residents has dared to leave Jonestown since my mother, husband and I left on June 29, 1977. Before Jim Jones allowed me to leave, I was forced to promise him I would never speak against the church, and that if I did I would lose his "protection" and be "stabbed in the back". Furthermore, Jim Jones ordered me to sign a number of self-incriminating papers, including a statement that I was against the government of Guyana, that I had plotted against that government, that I was part of the PPP (Peoples Progressive Party), which is the opposition party in Guyana, and that I had come to Guyana to help the PPP. Jim Jones said the reason for signing those papers was to discredit me if I ever decided to leave the movement "and talk". Also, before leaving for Guyana, I was ordered to fabricate a story and sign it stating that I killed someone and threw the body in the ocean. I was told that if I ever caused Jim Jones trouble, he would give that statement to the police. He further intimidated me and others in the congregation by saying, "I, (Jim Jones) have Mafia connections, and they will stand with me all the way."

13. I heard him state to the congregation in Guyana that Marshall Kilduff, who wrote the first articles exposing him, was dead. He said, "The angels have taken care of him". We all knew the "angels" were his people who would do you in if you crossed Jim Jones.

14. Jim Jones ordered all telephone calls to relatives in the United States to be made in the presence of Temple members and after coaching. When my mother tried to call her brother in the United States and get him to stop criticizing the Temple, Jim Jones stood by her side and told her everything she was to say and then faulted her for not being forceful enough. He ordered us to tell our relatives in the United States to stop criticizing him or we would not be allowed to return home.

15. On numerous occasions I was in the congregation when he told us "I am God" and "there is no other God, and religion is the opium of the people." He stated he used religion only to get to the masses.

16. I recall several instances of Jim Jones stating he could silence critics or defectors by accusing them of being homosexuals, child abusers, terrorists or sexual deviates.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at San Francisco, California on April 10, 1978.

YOLANDA D. A. CRAWFORD

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO } ss.

ON April 10 19 78
before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared
Yolanda D.A. Crawford
known to me,
to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument,
and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Public in and for said State.

OFFICIAL SEAL
GERALD S. WEINER
NOTARY PUBLIC - CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY
My comm. expires AUG 23, 1981

120 Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA 94104

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# Temple Trouble

In the poor-black Fillmore district of San Francisco, the Rev. Jim Jones is revered as a good Samaritan with patrons in very high places. As pastor of the People's Temple, one of the largest interfaith churches in California, Jones not only claims God's power to heal the sick but also wields palpable clout among city and state political leaders. The governor, lieutenant governor, mayor, sheriff and district attorney have all visited the temple and, during the 1976 Presidential campaign, Jones himself shared a platform with Rosalynn Carter. Last December, the charismatic preacher who can muster black voters was named chairman of the San Francisco Housing Authority Commission by Mayor George Moscone. But now Jones stands accused by 30 former temple members of building his power through fear, fraud, physical beatings, the appropriation of parishioners' property and possible misuse of government funds.

The accusations were published in two August issues of New West magazine, which called for an investigation of the temple's financial and disciplinary practices. Church representatives promptly denied the charges. But in a pair of surprise moves last week, Jones resigned from the Housing Authority and District Attorney Joseph Freitas announced that he would look into the accusations.

**Colony:** No one has yet filed a formal complaint against Jones, who temple officials said was unreachable at the church's 27,000-acre South American farm colony in Guyana. The city's most powerful politicians still seem solidly behind the controversial minister. Mayor Moscone has said he saw no evidence that Jones had broken any laws and, in a recent Sunday-morning sermon at the temple, black state Assemblyman Willie Brown labeled the attacks "a measure of [the church's] effectiveness."

Jones preaches a religious socialism that he himself, it appears, is the first to practice. His church, which claims 20,000 members statewide, sponsors a drug-rehabilitation program, a free restaurant and medical clinic and a legal-aid service. More radically, Jones encourages his flock to give up their private property and live in low-rent apartments leased by the church from the city. Jones and his wife live modestly above the temple, where they are raising a multiracial family of seven adopted children plus their own son. But his social activism also is expressed as politics, and on Election Day, the poor deliver for their leader. In two recent close races for mayor and district attorney, Jones's regimented followers were considered important to the winners.

According to some former church members, however, Jones's power is based as much on fear and fraud as on faith. His services are often held behind locked doors, and even then Jones is protected by bodyguards. The breakaway parishioners described ritual beatings and humiliating group encounters held at all-night sessions. A former secretary to Jones reported that the preacher faked healings by displaying chicken guts as tissue he had miraculously removed from cancer patients. Others said they had been persuaded into deeding over their homes to the church and had been talked into giving the temple government funds they received for running foster-care homes.

*Jones (inset), Klan drama: 'That's why people turned over all they had'*

When New West first considered investigating the People's Temple, the editors were barraged with pleas from politicians and businessmen to kill the story. When the editors persisted, some were harassed at home by anonymous callers. Meanwhile, other local newsmen reported similar coercion and only when word of the pressure campaign appeared in a local newspaper column did ex-members of the temple volunteer to tell of their experiences.

In separate interviews with NEWSWEEK, former followers of Jones corroborated the New West report. Micki Touchette, 26, told how she and eleven other students slept in a crowded garage and were given a weekly dole of $2 each as members of a temple commune. Touchette, who is white, said that Jones, who is part American Indian, told them "how ugly and horrible it was to be white," and "not to have sex because we were all latent homosexuals."

**KKK:** Laura Cornelius, 52, a black woman, said that Jones promised his followers a haven in Guyana when, as he predicted, Fascists took over the U.S. "He said they had a plan to exterminate blacks like they did the Jews," Cornelius recalled. She also described a ritual by temple members that dramatized a Ku Klux Klan lynching. "That's why people turned over all they had," she said. "He told us the whites would take it."

Others reported threats against their lives if they dared talk to police and said that they had been made to sign false confessions to crimes such as conspiracy against the government. "Jim always said he had an in with the police," said Deanna Myrtle, 38, "so we thought going to the police would be suicide."

Church officials have issued statements countercharging that some of the dissenters were terrorists and child molesters. Throughout the controversy, Jones has remained at the Guyana farm, which the church says it funds with $150,000 annually. And some suspect that the Rev. Mr. Jones may be the first to take up permanent asylum in the Guyana haven.

—KENNETH L. WOODWARD with MARK WHITAKER and STEPHEN GAYLE in San Francisco

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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| WADE B. MEDLOCK and MABEL M. MEDLOCK, husband and wife,<br><br>Plaintiffs,<br><br>vs.<br><br>JAMES WARREN JONES, also known as JIM JONES; PEOPLES TEMPLE OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, a nonprofit corporation; ENOLA M. NELSON; ENOLA M. NELSON REALTY; HUGH FORTSYN; JAMES McELVANE; and FIRST DOE through FIFTIETH DOE, inclusive,<br><br>Defendants. | No..<br><br>COMPLAINT FOR COMPENSATORY AND PUNITIVE DAMAGES FOR CONVERSION BASED ON COERCION AND FOR INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS |

Plaintiffs allege:

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

1. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that defendant JAMES McELVANE is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a resident of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

2. Defendant PEOPLES TEMPLE OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST ("PEOPLES TEMPLE") is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a nonprofit cor-

poration organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California. PEOPLES TEMPLE at all times herein mentioned represented itself as a church.

3. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that defendant ENOLA M. NELSON is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a real estate broker licensed by the State of California and doing business as defendant ENOLA M. NELSON REALTY at 5760 Rodeo Road, Los Angeles, California.

4. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that defendant JAMES McELVANE is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a real estate salesman licensed by the State of California and doing business as a salesman for defendants ENOLA M. NELSON and ENOLA M. NELSON REALTY.

5. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that defendant JAMES WARREN JONES ("JONES"), also known as JIM JONES, was at all relevant times herein mentioned the president of defendant PEOPLES TEMPLE.

6. Plaintiffs WADE B. MEDLOCK and MABEL M. MEDLOCK are, and at all times herein mentioned were, husband and wife and residents of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

7. Plaintiffs are ignorant of the true names and capacities of defendants sued herein as FIRST DOE through FIFTIETH DOE, inclusive, and therefore sue these defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs will amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities when ascertained. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that each of the fictitiously named defendants is re-

sponsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged, and that plaintiffs' damages as herein alleged were proximately caused by their conduct.

8. Defendants JONES, PEOPLES TEMPLE, ENOLA M. NELSON ("NELSON"), ENOLA M. NELSON REALTY ("NELSON REALTY"), HUGH FORTSYN ("FORTSYN"), JAMES McELVANE ("McELVANE"), and FIRST DOE through FIFTIETH DOE, inclusive, were the agents and employees of their codefendants JONES, PEOPLES TEMPLE, NELSON, NELSON REALTY, FORTSYN, McELVANE, and FIRST DOE through FIFTIETH DOE, inclusive, and in doing the things hereinafter alleged were acting within the course and scope of such agency and the permission and consent of their codefendants.

9. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that on or about February 1, 1977, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendants, and each of them, knowingly and wilfully conspired and agreed among themselves to unlawfully extort, convert, and misappropriate from plaintiffs, by fraud and deceit and by threats of death and bodily harm, the net proceeds from the forced sale of plaintiffs' real property in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, which said defendants knew to have a fair market value of approximately $190,000.00 and an equity value to plaintiffs of approximately $130,000.00.

10. On February 1, 1977 plaintiffs were the owners of two parcels of real property, herein referred to respectively as the BALDWIN HILLS PROPERTY and the SECOND AVENUE PROPERTY, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, described as follows:

a. BALDWIN HILLS PROPERTY: a three-bedroom house at 4644

Don Zarembo Drive, Los Angeles, California, having a fair market value on that date of approximately $125,000.00 and outstanding encumbrances of approximately $40,000.00, thereby constituting an equity value in plaintiffs of approximately $85,000.00.

b. SECOND AVENUE PROPERTY: a triplex and five-room house at 3891 and 3891 3/4 2nd Avenue, Los Angeles, California, having a fair market value on that date of approximately $65,000.00 and outstanding encumbrances of approximately $20,000,00, thereby constituting an equity value in plaintiffs of approximately $45,000.00.

11. Plaintiffs became members of defendant PEOPLES TEMPLE in 1971, whose minister and president was defendant JONES. In 1975 defendant JONES began to pressure plaintiffs to sell all they had, give all proceeds from such sales to defendant PEOPLES TEMPLE, and "go communal". Plaintiffs resisted this pressure, whereupon defendant JONES gradually increased it. Defendant JONES employed various stratagems to induce plaintiffs to sell the above-described properties, one approach being that the money was needed to develop the Peoples Temple Agricultural Mission in Guyana, South America, which was then being established by defendant JONES.

12. Plaintiff WADE B. MEDLOCK is 71 years of age, and plaintiff MABEL M. MEDLOCK is 67 years of age. Plaintiffs worked together in their own maintenance business for 33 years to acquire their equity in the above-described properties as security for their senior years. Neither plaintiff at any time wished to sell either parcel of property or to donate either parcel to anyone, including defendant JONES and defendant PEOPLES TEMPLE. Plaintiffs were living in the BALDWIN

HILLS PROPERTY as their residence at all relevant times until on or about August 1, 1977. Plaintiffs had no appreciable assets beyond the aforesaid properties.

13. On or about February 13, 1977 in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant JONES personally called plaintiffs into the "council room" of the PEOPLES TEMPLE church building at 1366 Alvarado Boulevard, Los Angeles. Present with defendant JONES at said time and place were at least seven other members of defendant PEOPLES TEMPLE, including defendants FORTSYN, NELSON, and McELVANE, all acting as agents for defendant JONES. Defendant JONES at said time and place presented to plaintiffs certain documents previously filled out by defendants NELSON, NELSON REALTY, and McELVANE authorizing the sale of the BALDWIN HILLS PROPERTY and the SECOND AVENUE PROPERTY. The sales prices were listed substantially lower than the fair market values in order to expedite immediate sales. When plaintiffs hesitated, defendant JONES personally order them to sign the documents by stating to plaintiffs the following threat:

> You will either sign these papers or you will die. We are not taking your property but just protecting it.

14. Plaintiffs interpreted the aforesaid statement by defendant JONES as a threat they would be killed if they did not sign the documents presented by him. Plaintiffs were not permitted to read the documents nor to ask questions concerning them. Any and all apparent consents of each plaintiff to the aforesaid authorizations were obtained by defendants solely through duress and menace of unlawful and violent injury to the person of each plaintiff.

15. At the time of signing the aforesaid documents each plaintiff was mindful of having heard defendant JONES say with respect to an individual who had given property to defendant PEOPLES TEMPLE and then reneged and then died, "I killed him."

16. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that defendant JONES ordered the other defendants to act as his agents in coercing their signatures on all other documents which would be required to be signed in escrow in order to result in the proceeds of the sales of the above-described parcels being taken by defendant PEOPLES TEMPLE. All apparent consents by plaintiffs to all such other documents were obtained by defendants solely through reminders of the aforesaid threat of defendant JONES and soley through said duress and menace of unlawful and violent injury to the person of each plaintiff.

17. On May 13, 1977, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendants reminded plaintiffs or the aforesaid threat of defendant JONES and ordered them to sign a document relating to the escrow of the sale of the BALDWIN HILLS PROPERTY (Escrow Number 1183-PW) entitled "Escrow Amendment/Supplement" to Escrow Instructions. A copy of Page 1 of the Disclosure/Settlement Statement for the aforesaid sale is attached as "Exhibit A (Baldwin Hills)" and made a part hereof. A copy of the aforesaid Escrow Amendment/Supplement is attached as "Exhibit B (Baldwin Hills)" and made a part hereof. The aforesaid Amendment/Supplement was addressed to Crestwood Escrow Service in Inglewood, California, and reads as follows:

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> From sellers net proceeds at close of escrow, escrow holder is authorized and instructed to make one-half of net proceeds payable to PEOPLES TEMPLE and one-half payable to MABEL M. MEDLOCK.

The apparent consent of plaintiffs, and each of them, to the aforesaid document was obtained by defendants solely through duress and menace of unlawful and violent injury to the person of each plaintiff.

18. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that defendant JONES, upon learning that plaintiff MABEL M. MEDLOCK had attempted to withhold from defendant PEOPLES TEMPLE her one-half of the proceeds from the sale of the BALDWIN HILLS PROPERTY, was furious and ordered the other defendants to intensify the reminders of the threats constituting duress and menace as above alleged. On May 17, 1977, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendants reminded plaintiff MABEL M. MEDLOCK of the aforesaid threats, and ordered her to sign a document relating to the escrow of the BALDWIN HILLS PROPERTY sale in the form of a letter addressed to Crestwood Escrow Service, a copy of which is attached hereto as "Exhibit C (Baldwin Hills)" and made a part hereof. Said letter reads as follows:

> You have heretofore been handed an instruction by me dated May 13, 1977, providing that certain funds be paid to me at the close of Escrow. I now CANCEL THAT INSTRUCTION.
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> Instead, please pay all funds due to me from this Escrow to PEOPLES TEMPLE of the Disciples of Christ, a California Corporation.

The apparent consent and authorization of plaintiff MABEL M. MEDLOCK to the aforesaid letter was obtained by defendants solely through said duress and menace of unlawful and violent injury to the person of each plaintiff.

19. On May 13, 1977, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendants reminded plaintiffs of the aforesaid threat of defendant JONES and ordered them to sign a document relating to the escrow of the sale of the SECOND AVENUE PROPERTY (Escrow Number 1074-PW) entitled "Escrow Amendment/Supplement" to Escrow Instructions. A copy of Page 1 of the Settlement Statement for the aforesaid sale is attached as "Exhibit D (Second Avenue)" and made a part hereof. The aforesaid Amendment/Supplement was addressed to Crestwood Escrow Service in Inglewood, California, and reads as follows:

> From sellers net proceeds at close of escrow, escrow holder is authorized and instructed to make one-half of net proceeds payable to PEOPLES TEMPLE and one-half payable to MABEL M. MEDLOCK.

The apparent consent of plaintiffs, and each of them, to the aforesaid document was obtained by defendants solely through said duress and menace of unlawful and violent injury to the person of each plaintiff.

20. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that defendant JONES, upon learning that plaintiff MABEL M. MEDLOCK had attempted to withhold from defendant PEOPLES TEMPLE her one-half of the proceeds from the sale of the SECOND AVENUE PROPERTY, was furious and ordered the other defendants to intensify the reminders of the threats constituting duress and menace as above alleged. On May 17,

1977, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendants reminded plaintiff MABEL M. MEDLOCK of the aforesaid threats, and ordered her to sign a document relating to the escrow of the SECOND AVENUE PROPERTY sale in the form of a letter addressed to Crestwood Escrow Service, a copy of which is attached hereto as "Exhibit E (Second Avenue)" and made a part hereof. Said letter reads as follows:

> You have heretofore been handed an instruction by me dated May 13, 1977, providing that certain funds by paid to me at the close of Escrow. I now CANCEL THAT INSTRUCTION.
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> Instead, please pay all funds due to me from this Escrow to PEOPLES TEMPLE of the Disciples of Christ, a California Corporation.

The apparent consent and authorization of plaintiff MABEL M. MEDLOCK to the aforesaid letter was obtained by defendants solely through duress and menace of unlawful and violent injury to the person of each plaintiff.

21. On or about July 28, 1977, defendants ordered plaintiffs to vacate their BALDWIN HILLS PROPERTY residence because escrow was about to close. Plaintiffs stated to defendants that they would not have sufficient monies to maintain themselves and requested the sum of $10,000.00 from the net proceeds being claimed by defendant PEOPLES TEMPLE, but defendants stated to plaintiffs that $10,000.00 "is too much" and agreed that plaintiffs should receive the sum of $7,000.00 instead.

22. The sales of both the BALDWIN HILLS PROPERTY and the SECOND

AVENUE PROPERTY were finalized in escrow on or about August 1, 1977, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, at which time the following net proceeds were paid over to defendant PEOPLES TEMPLE:

a. Net proceeds from sale of BALDWIN HILLS PROPERTY: $37,003.08; and

b. Net proceeds from sale of SECOND AVENUE PROPERTY: $11,506.99.

23. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that in addition to the above-enumerated net proceeds totalling $48,510.07 paid over to defendant PEOPLES TEMPLE, that defendants NELSON and NELSON REALTY were ordered under duress by defendant JONES to pay, and in fact did pay, over to defendant PEOPLES TEMPLE the sum of $5,217.00, which represented their real estate sales commission of $2,535.00 from the sale of the BALDWIN HILLS PROPERTY and $2,682.00 from the sale of the SECOND AVENUE PROPERTY.

24. At all times herein mentioned, and in particular on or about July 31, 1977, plaintiffs were, and still are, the owners and were, and still are, entitled to the possession of the following personal property: Monies constituting the net proceeds from the sales of the above-described properties paid over to defendant PEOPLES TEMPLE.

25. On or about July 31, 1977, the above-mentioned personal property had a value of $48,510.07, and on that date was in the possession of plaintiffs at Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

26. On or about August 1, 1977, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendants converted the aforesaid personal pro-

perty to their own use, as a proximate result of which plaintiffs lost the value of their entire equity in the above-described properties (less the above-mentioned payment of $7,000.00), all to plaintiffs' damage in the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($123,000.00).

27. At the time of the conversion, defendants were fully aware that the property was the property of plaintiffs and that plaintiffs were entitled to possession thereto, and notwithstanding that knowledge, defendants wrongfully, maliciously, and with intent to injure plaintiffs, converted it as hereinabove alleged. By reason thereof, plaintiffs are entitled to exemplary and punitive damages in the sum of TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS ($12,000,000.00).

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

28. Plaintiffs reincorporate the allegations of their First Cause of Action as though fully set forth at length herein.

29. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that on or about June 16, 1977, in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, defendants, and each of them excepting defendants NELSON and NELSON REALTY, knowingly and wilfully conspired and agreed among themselves to intentionally inflict emotional distress and mental suffering on plaintiffs should they refuse to follow defendant JONES to "Jonestown", Guyana, South America, and thereby become unable effectively to protest and complain to legal authorities about the above-alleged unlawful extortion and conversion. Said infliction of emotional distress and mental suffering was to be done by threats of

death and bodily injury made by persons in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, who would be selected by, and who would act upon the express orders of, defendant JONES in Guyana, South America. Defendant JONES would transmit such orders in pre-arranged code by courier and by international shortwave amateur radio.

30. On or about January 20, 1978, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant FORTSYN telephoned plaintiffs and made the following threat twice, once to each plaintiff:

> You know what happened to Chris.
> Jim wants you to come to Guyana.

31. At the time of defendant FORTSYN making the above-mentioned threat, the defendants, and each of them, knew that plaintiffs would regard, as they did in fact regard, the name "Chris" as a reference to Christopher Lewis, a member of defendant PEOPLES TEMPLE and bodyguard of defendant JONES known publicly to have been murdered on the streets of San Francisco, California in December 1977 shortly after returning from Guyana, South America. At said time the defendants, and each of them, also knew that plaintiffs would regard, as they in fact did regard, the name "Jim" as a reference to defendant JONES.

32. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that defendant JONES on or about January 14, 1978, personally ordered, by means of courier and amateur shortwave radio, the making of the aforesaid threat, and by the same means dictated its wording, using a prearranged code. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that defendant JONES knew and intended that his order would be thus received and acted upon in the County of Los Angeles, State of Cali-

fornia so as to result in the making of the aforesaid threat and the consequent injury to plaintiffs.

33. Defendants did the acts and things herein alleged pursuant to, and in furtherance of, the conspiracy and agreement above alleged.

34. Upon being threatened by FORTSYN as above alleged, plaintiffs became fearful that they would be murdered by defendants. As the proximate result of the aforementioned threat, plaintiffs suffered humiliation, mental anguish, and emotional and physical distress, and have been injured in mind and body, all to plaintiffs' damages in the sum of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($600,000.00) each.

35. As a further proximate result of the aforementioned threat, plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege they will be required to employ physicians and surgeons to examine, treat, and care for them, and may incur medical expenses for hospital bills in an amount which has not yet been ascertained.

36. The aforementioned acts of defendants were willful, wanton, malicious, and oppressive, and justify the awarding of exemplary and punitive damages in the amount of TWO MILLION DOLLARS ($2,000,000.00).

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

37. Plaintiffs reincorporate the allegations of their First and Second Causes of Action as though fully set forth at length herein.

38. On or about March 26, 1978, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, defendant McELVANE approached plaintiff WADE B. MEDLOCK. Plaintiff WADE B. MEDLOCK said to McELVANE:

I don't believe in Jim anymore.

Defendant McELVANE at said time and place then made the following threat to plaintiff WADE B. MEDLOCK in the presence of plaintiff MABEL M. MEDLOCK:

> You better watch out. What happened to Chris could happen to you.

39. At the time of defendant McELVANE making the above-mentioned threat, the defendants, and each of them, knew that plaintiffs would regard, as they did in fact regard, the name "Chris" as a reference to Christopher Lewis as above alleged.

40. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that defendant JONES on or about March 19, 1978, personally ordered, by means of courier and amateur shortwave radio, the making of the aforesaid threat, which was to be rendered by defendant McELVANE after he approached plaintiff WADE B. MEDLOCK and ascertained that said plaintiff's attitude was one likely to cause trouble for defendants JONES and PEOPLES TEMPLE. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that defendant JONES knew and intended that his order would be thus executed by defendant McELVANE in the County of Los Angeles, State of California so as to result in the making of the aforesaid threat and the consequent injury to plaintiffs.

41. Defendants did the acts and things herein alleged pursuant to, and in furtherance of, the conspiracy and agreement alleged in paragraph 29 herein.

42. Upon being threatened by defendant McELVANE as above alleged, plaintiffs became even more fearful that they would be murdered by defendants. As the proximate result of the aforementioned threat,

plaintiffs suffered humiliation, mental anguish, and emotional and physical distress, and have been injured in mind and body, all to plaintiffs' damages in the sum of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($600,000.00) each.

43. As a further proximate result of the aforementioned threat, plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege they will be required to employ physicians and surgeons to examine, treat, and care for them, and may incur medical expenses for hospital bills in an amount which has not yet been ascertained.

44. The aforementioned acts of defendants were willful, wanton, malicious, and oppressive, and justify the awarding of exemplary and punitive damages in the amount of TWO MILLION DOLLARS ($2,000,000.00).

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs pray judgment as follows:

1. For general damages in the sum of $2,523,000.00.

2. For medical and related expenses according to proof.

3. For punitive damages in the sum of $16,000,000.00.

4. For costs of suit herein incurred.

5. For such further and other relief as the court may deem proper.

DATED: June 6, 1978.

Timothy Oliver Stoen

TIMOTHY OLIVER STOEN
Attorney for Plaintiffs

Trial by jury is demanded on all issues.

DATED: June 6, 1978.

Timothy Oliver Stoen

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Attorney for Plaintiffs

VERIFICATION

I am a plaintiff in this action; the foregoing complaint is true of my own knowledge, except as to matters stated in it on my information or belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on June 6, 1978 at Los Angeles, California.

WADE B. MEDLOCK

MABEL M. MEDLOCK

GW.

**GREAT WESTERN SAVINGS** AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

Form Approved
OMB No. 63-R1501

A. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

## DISCLOSURE/SETTLEMENT STATEMENT

B. TYPE OF LOAN:
1. ☐ FHA 2. ☐ FmHA 3. ☐ CONV. UNINS.
4. ☐ VA 5. ☐ CONV. INS.

6. FILE NUMBER | 7. LOAN NUMBER 4-232401-2

*If the Truth-in-Lending Act applies to this transaction, a Truth-in-Lending statement is attached as page 3 of this form.*

8. MORTG. INS. CASE NO.

C. NOTE: This form is furnished to you prior to settlement to give you information about your settlement costs, and again after settlement to show the actual costs you have paid. The present copy of the form is:

☐ ADVANCE DISCLOSURE OF COSTS. Some items are estimated, and are marked "(e)." Items or amounts may change if the settlement is held on a date other than the date estimated below. The preparer of this form is not responsible for errors or changes in amounts furnished by others. Prorations of taxes and assessments are based on assessment rates and tax figures are not guaranteed.

☐ STATEMENT OF ACTUAL COSTS. Amounts paid to and by the settlement agent are shown. Items marked "(p.o.c.)" were paid outside the closing; they are shown here for informational purposes and are not included in totals.

| D. NAME OF BORROWER | E. SELLER | F. LENDER |
|---|---|---|
| DONALD H. HILL<br>4144 W. CARENSO DR.<br>LOS ANGELES, CA. 90008 | MAE B. HEDLOCK | GREAT WESTERN SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION<br>4401 CRENSHAW BL.<br>LOS ANGELES, CA. 90043 |

| G. PROPERTY LOCATION | H. SETTLEMENT AGENT | I. DATES | |
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| 4144 W. CARENSO DR.<br>LOS ANGELES, CA. 90008 | CRESTWOOD ESCROW SERVICE<br>401 E. MANCHESTER BL. | LOAN COMMITMENT<br>6/15/77 | ADV. DISCLOSURE |
| | PLACE OF SETTLEMENT<br>INGLEWOOD, CA. 90301 | SETTLEMENT<br>7/8/77 | DATE OF PRORATIONS<br>If different from settlement |

| J. SUMMARY OF BORROWER'S TRANSACTION | | | K. SUMMARY OF SELLER'S TRANSACTION | |
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| 100. GROSS AMOUNT DUE FROM BORROWER: | | | 400. GROSS AMOUNT DUE TO SELLER: | |
| 101. Contract sales price | | 84,500.00 | 401. Contract sales price | 84,500.00 |
| 102. Personal property | | | 402. Personal property | |
| 103. Settlement charges to borrower (from line 1400, Section L) | | 1,609.51 | 403. | |
| 104. | | | 404. | |
| 105. | | | Adjustments for items paid by seller in advance: | |
| Adjustments for items paid by seller in advance: | | | 405. City/town taxes to | |
| | | | 406. County taxes to | |
| | | | 407. Assessments to | |
| 106. City/town taxes to | | | 408. to | |
| 107. County taxes to | | | 409. to | |
| 108. Assessments to | | | 410. to | |
| 109. to | | | 411. to | |
| 110 to | | | 420. GROSS AMOUNT DUE TO SELLER | 84,500.00 |
| 111. to | | | | |
| 112. to | | | *NOTE: The following 500 and 600 series sections are not required to be completed when this form is used for advance disclosure of settlement costs prior to settlement.* | |
| 120. GROSS AMOUNT DUE FROM BORROWER: | | 86,109.51 | | |
| 200. AMOUNTS PAID BY OR IN BEHALF OF BORROWER: | | | 500. REDUCTIONS IN AMOUNT DUE TO SELLER: | |
| 201. Deposit or earnest money | | 14,337.50 | 501. Payoff of first mortgage loan | 29,271.39 |
| 202. Principal amount of new loan(s) | | 71,825.00 | 502. Payoff of second mortgage loan | 6,123.24 |
| 203. Existing loan(s) taken subject to | | | 503. Settlement charges to seller (from line 1400, Section L) | |
| 204. | | | 504. Existing loan(s) taken subject to | |
| 205. | | | 505. 2nd Trust Deed | 6,225.30 |
| Credits to borrower for items unpaid by seller | | | 506. L. A. County Tax Collector | 1,757.59 |
| 206. City/town taxes to | | | 507. Reliable Mortgage | 140.72 |
| 207. County taxes 7/1/77 to 7/8/77 | | 32.03 | 508. | |
| 208. Assessments to | | | 509. | |
| 209. to | | | Credits to borrower for items unpaid by seller: | |
| 210 to | | | 510. City/town taxes to | |
| 211. to | | | 511. County taxes 7/1/77 to 7/8/77 | 32.83 |
| 212. to | | | 512. Assessments to | |
| 220. TOTAL AMOUNTS PAID BY OR IN BEHALF OF BORROWER | | 86,194.53 | 513. to | |
| 300. CASH AT SETTLEMENT REQUIRED FROM OR PAYABLE TO BORROWER: | | | 514. to | |
| 301. Gross amount due from borrower (from line 120) | | 86,109.51 | 515. to | |
| 302. Less amounts paid by or on behalf of borrower (from line 220) | | ( 86,194.53 | 520. TOTAL REDUCTIONS IN AMOUNT DUE TO SELLER: | 47,496.92 |
| | | | 600. CASH TO SELLER FROM SETTLEMENT: | |
| | | | 601. Gross amount due to seller (from line 420) | 84,500.00 |
| | | | 602. Less total reductions in amount due to seller (from line 520) | ( 47,496.92 |
| 303. CASH (☐ REQUIRED FROM OR ☐ PAYABLE TO BORROWER) | | 85.02 | 603. CASH TO SELLER FROM SETTLEMENT | 37,003.08 |

WHITE: FILE COPY CANARY: BORROWER'S COPY PINK: SELLER'S COPY GOLDENROD: ESCROW HOLDER

Crestwood Escrow Service
401 EAST MANCHESTER BLVD., SUITE 200
INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90301
678-3233

# ESCROW AMENDMENT/SUPPLEMENT

Escrow No. 1183-PW Escrow Officer Pat Worrill Date May 13, 1977

To: CRESTWOOD ESCROW SERVICE:

My previous instructions in the above-numbered escrow are hereby modified — supplemented in the following particulars only

From sellers net proceeds at close of escrow, escrow holder is authorized and instructed to make one-half of net proceeds payable to PEOPLES TEMPLE and one-half payable to MABEL M. MEDLOCK. All other terms and conditions are to remain the same.

END OF INSTRUCTION.....

Wade B. Medlock

Mabel M. Medlock

RETURN TO ESCROW

Each of the above-signed states he has read the foregoing instructions and understands and agrees to them

EXHIBIT B (BALDWIN HILLS)

To: CRESTWOOD ESCROW SERVICE
401 East Manchester Boulevard, Suite 209
Inglewood, California 90301

Re: Escrow No. 1183-WW
Escrow Officer: Pat Worrill

Gentlemen:

You have heretofore been handed an instruction by me dated May 13, 1977, providing that certain funds be paid to me at the close of Escrow. I now CANCEL THAT INSTRUCTION.

Instead, please pay all funds due to me from this Escrow to PEOPLES TEMPLE of the Disciples of Christ, a California Corporation.

Dated: at Los Angeles, this 17th day of May, 1977.

END OF INSTRUCTION.....

Mabel M. Mculock
Mabel M. Mculock

Receipt is hereby acknowledged
of a copy of this document.

Mabel M. Mculock

EXHIBIT C (BALDWIN HILLS)

HUD-1 Rev. 5/76

Form Approved
OMB NO. 63-R-1501

A.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

## SETTLEMENT STATEMENT

B. TYPE OF LOAN

1. [ ] FHA 2. [ ] FmHA 3. [ ] CONV. UNINS
4. [ ] VA 5. [ ] CONV. INS

6. FILE NUMBER: 7. LOAN NUMBER:

8. MORTGAGE INSURANCE CASE NUMBER:

C. NOTE: *This form is furnished to give you a statement of actual settlement costs. Amounts paid to and by the settlement agent are shown. Items marked "(p.o.c.)" were paid outside the closing; they are shown here for informational purposes and are not included in the totals.*

| D. NAME OF BORROWER | E. NAME OF SELLER | F. NAME OF LENDER |
|---|---|---|
| Freeman, Larry D. & Brenda Beverly | Hadlock Wade B & Mabel M. | Western Mortgage Corp. 18400 Hawthorne Blvd. Ste. 203 Torrance, Calif. 90504 |

| G. PROPERTY LOCATION: | H. SETTLEMENT AGENT: | I. SETTLEMENT DATE |
|---|---|---|
| 3891, 3891 3/4 2nd Ave. Los Angeles, California | Crestwood Escrow Service | 8/1/77 |
| | PLACE OF SETTLEMENT: 401 E. Manchester Blvd., Sts. 209 Inglewood, California 90301 | |

| J. SUMMARY OF BORROWER'S TRANSACTION | | K. SUMMARY OF SELLER'S TRANSACTION | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *100. GROSS AMOUNT DUE FROM BORROWER:* | | *400. GROSS AMOUNT DUE TO SELLER* | |
| 101. Contract sales price | 44,700.00 | 401. Contract sales price | 44,700.00 |
| 102. Personal property | | 402. Personal property | |
| 103. Settlement charges to borrower (line 1400) | 1,230.64 | 403. | |
| 104. | | 404. | |
| 105. | | 405. | |
| *Adjustments for items paid by seller in advance* | | *Adjustments for items paid by seller in advance* | |
| 106. City/town taxes to | | 406. City/town taxes to | |
| 107. County taxes to | | 407. County taxes to | |
| 108. Assessments to | | 408. Assessments to | |
| 109. | | 409. | |
| 110. | | 410. | |
| 111. | | 411. | |
| 112. | | 412. | |
| 120. GROSS AMOUNT DUE FROM BORROWER | 45,930.64 | 420. GROSS AMOUNT DUE TO SELLER | 44,700.00 |
| *200. AMOUNTS PAID BY OR IN BEHALF OF BORROWER:* | | *500. REDUCTIONS IN AMOUNT DUE TO SELLER* | |
| 201. Deposit or earnest money | 1,325.00 | 501. Excess deposit (see instructions) | |
| 202. Principal amount of new loan(s) | 44,700.00 | 502. Settlement charges to seller (line 1400) | 5,714.25 |
| 203. Existing loan(s) taken subject to | | 503. Existing loan(s) taken subject to | |
| 204. | | 504. Payoff of first mortgage loan | 15,352.35 |
| 205. | | 505. Payoff of second mortgage loan | 5,037.00 |
| 206. | | 506. Peoples Temple | 11,506.99 |
| 207. | | 507. | |
| 208. | | 508. | |
| 209. | | 509. | |
| *Adjustments for items unpaid by seller* | | *Adjustments for items unpaid by seller* | |
| 210. City/town taxes to | | 510. City/town taxes to | |
| 211. County taxes 7-1-77 to 8-1-77 | 89.41 | 511. County taxes 7-1-77 to 8-1-77 | 89.41 |
| 212. Assessments to | | 512. Assessments to | |
| 213. | | 513. | |
| 214. | | 514. | |
| 215. | | 515. | |
| 216. | | 516. | |
| 217. | | 517. | |
| 218. | | 518. | |
| 219. | | 519. | |
| 220. TOTAL PAID BY/FOR BORROWER | 46,114.41 | 520. TOTAL REDUCTION AMOUNT DUE SELLER | 37,700.00 |
| *300. CASH AT SETTLEMENT FROM/TO BORROWER* | | *600. CASH AT SETTLEMENT TO/FROM SELLER* | |
| 301. Gross amount due from borrower (line 120) | 45,930.64 | 601. Gross amount due to seller (line 420) | 44,700.00 |
| 302. Less amounts paid by/for borrower (line 220) | (46,114.41) | 602. Less reductions in amount due seller (line 520) | 37,700.00 |
| 303. CASH ( [ ] FROM) ( [ ] TO) BORROWER | 183.77 | 603. CASH ( [ ] TO) ( [ ] FROM) SELLER | 7,000.00 |

EXHIBIT D (SECOND AVENUE)

To: Crestwood Escrow Service
401 East Manchester Boulevard, Suite 209
Inglewood, California 90301

Re: Escrow No. 1074-PW
Escrow Officer Pat Worrill

Gentlemen:

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Instead, please pay all funds due to me from this Escrow to PEOPLES TEMPLE of the Disciples of Christ, a California Corporation.

Dated: at Los Angeles, this 17th day of May, 1977.

END OF INSTRUCTION.....

Mabel M. Medlock

Receipt is hereby acknowledged
of a copy of this document.

Mabel M. Medlock

EXHIBIT E (SECOND AVENUE)

# THIS NIGHTMARE IS TAKING PLACE RIGHT NOW

## WILL YOU HELP US FREE OUR FAMILIES?

JONESTOWN
CONCENTRATION CAMP
GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

### WHO ARE THE "CONCERNED RELATIVES"?

We are individuals having only one bond in common; relatives isolated in the "Jonestown" jungle encampment in Guyana, South America, under the total control of one man, Jim Jones. We espouse no political or religious viewpoint. Our only concern is for our families. We are bewildered and frightened by what is being done to them. Their human rights are being violated and the fabric of our family life is being torn apart.

### WHAT SPECIFICALLY IS BEING DONE TO OUR RELATIVES?

These are the sad and terrible facts:

*All decisions in Jonestown are made by one man, Jim Jones. There is no democracy. There is no dissent permitted.

*Armed guards are stationed around Jonestown to prevent anyone leaving unless given express permission by the leader. 200 guns have been transported in. A "SWAT" team patrols the borders of Jonestown.

*Passports and monies are confiscated by Jones upon arrival of his members in Guyana so that they cannot be "cleared" by the Immigration Officials to leave Guyana.

*Long distance telephone calls to the United States are prohibited as part of Jones' campaign that all family ties be cut in favor of his "cause".

*All incoming and outgoing mail is censored.

*No one is permitted to leave Jonestown except on business for the "cause" and then only in the company of other residents who are required to spy and report back to Jones.

*The residents are told that if they try to leave the Peoples Temple organization, they will be killed and their bodies left in the jungle.

*Their leader, Jim Jones, says publicly that a "unanimous vote" of the 1,000 residents of Jonestown (including children) was taken to put "our lives on the line" if the alleged "harrassment" continues. Jones has held mock "mass suicide" sessions to condition his members to die for "the cause" at the moment he gives the order.

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## WHY ARE WE ASKING YOU AS A "CONCERNED CITIZEN" TO HELP?

Because we are desperate and don't know what else to do. Neither the Guyana government nor the United States government thus far has been willing to intervene. Jones simply ignores court orders.

We want our loved ones to be allowed to live in freedom. There appears to be only one way to achieve this — to publicize the truth and to pressure the Prime Minister of Guyana both directly and through the U.S. State Department. We sent a petition on May 10, 1978, to Prime Minister Burnham requesting him to:

1. Order a governmental investigation of Jonestown with inspectors placed there around the clock.

2. Order Jones to stop violating the human and legal rights of our relatives. Specifically, to order Jones to:

   a. Remove all guards preventing people from leaving Jonestown;
   b. Return passports and money;
   c. Permit our relatives to mix with local Guyanese as individuals;
   d. Stop censoring mail;
   e. Permit our relatives to return home for a one-week visit at our expense, return fare guaranteed, to show they are not being held against their will;
   f. Abide by the lawful orders of the courts in the U.S.

3. Expel Jones from Guyana if he refuses to abide by these orders.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP US?

Three Things:

* Pray for the safe return of our loved ones soon, even if only for a one-week home visit at our expense, return fare being guaranteed, so we can know they have free will to choose.

* Write to the two officials with power to force Jones to respect human and legal rights:

  Honorable Forbes Burnham
  Prime Minister of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana
  Public Buildings
  Georgetown, Guyana, South America

  and

  Honorable Cyrus Vance
  Secretary of State of the United States
  2201 "C" Street
  N.W. Washington, D.C. 20520

* Give as you feel led to help defray expenses, which are considerable. Send your check to:

  CONCERNED RELATIVES AND CITIZENS
  120 Montgomery Street, Suite 1700
  San Francisco, California 94104

(An application for tax-exempt status will soon be filed with I.R.S. Our attorneys say "Concerned Relatives and Citizens" meets all the requirements and that approval by the I.R.S. will be retroactive to include donations made now.)

THANK YOU FROM THE DEPTHS OF OUR HEARTS!

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Santa Rosa, Calif., Monday, June 26, 1978

# Temple sued — couple claims 'threat to kill'

Press Democrat Bureau

An elderly Los Angeles couple has sued Rev. Jim Jones' People's Temple for $15 million, charging that Jones threatened to kill them if they didn't give their property to the controversial church.

Wade H. Medlock, 71, and Mabel Medlock, 67, also said that Temple officials tried to force them to join Jones' colony in Guyana, South America.

The suit was filed in Los Angeles Superior Court by attorney Tim Stoen, former Mendocino County assistant district attorney and top Temple leader who quit the church last year.

Stoen has tried unsuccessfully to remove his five-year-old son from the Temple's jungle outpost.

The Medlock suit links the alleged threats to the death of Chris Lewis, Jones' bodyguard, who was slain in San Francisco last December shortly after returning from South America.

According to county records, many Temple members signed over their homes and property to the church. Several ex-members have charged that Jones extorted or forged their signatures on transfer documents.

Two former members who gave the Temple their property in Willits have also sued Jones. Al and Jeanie Mills said their daughter was beaten in a Temple ceremony.

According to the Medlock suit, the elderly black couple joined the Temple in Los Angeles seven years ago.

They charged that Jones pressured them in 1975 to sell all their property, give the proceeds to the Temple and "go communal." The money would be used to support Jones' Guyana colony, they were allegedly told.

The Medlocks owned a triplex and two homes worth $190,000. The lawsuit says that the couple refused, but Jones continued to hassle them.

In February, 1977, they were called into the council room of the Los Angeles Temple, where Jones demanded that they sign transfer papers, the suit charges. The Temple leader allegedly told the members that "you will either sign these papers or you will die. We are not taking your property, we are just protecting it."

The Medlocks claim they weren't allowed to read the sale agreement. Jones told them he killed other members who backed out of their agreements. The Medlocks signed and the property was sold, according to county records.

The couple later asked the church for $10,000 to support themselves, but were given $7,000, the suit charges. The Medlocks say they were later ordered to join Jones' Guyana colony.

When they refused, Temple officials said Jones could order their deaths by short-wave radio from Guyana, the suit says. Temple leader Hugh Fortyn, another defendant, allegedly told the Medlocks, "You know what happened to Chris. Jim wants you to come to Guyana."

The Medlocks said Fortyn meant Chris Lewis, Jones' bodyguard who was gunned down in San Francisco last December after leaving Guyana.

The Medlocks were allegedly warned by Temple official James McElvane that "what happened to Chris could happen to you" if they left the church. The Medlocks have since left the Temple.

Temple attorney Charles Garry was out of town and unavailillable for comment.

The Medlocks are seeking money for their property and damages for "mental anguish" and "emotional and physical distress."